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Subject : Pressure on Grand Mufti Report Number : RLB-1536
from Hamdi al-HUSAYNI

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1. Hamdi al-HUSAYNI, an avowed Communist, is a relative of the Grand Mufti. (Field Note: See RLB's-1278 and 1357). He is also respected exceedingly in the Gaza area, despite his Communist affiliations.
2. HUSAYNI has tried, without apparent success, to convince the Grand Mufti that collaboration with the Communist Party would materially strengthen the Arab Higher Committee. Making no headway, he has now shifted his approach to those underlings of the Grand Mufti who might in time influence him sufficiently to bring about a working agreement with the Communist Party.

Field Note: Effort is now being made to determine those of the Mufti's followers with whom Hamdi al-HUSAYNI has influence.

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